

IN THE SUN'S CHARIOT

Intimate Talks Between Publisher and Reader

Our prize story and prize poem contest has proven a sure enough winner. Stories and poems have been sent in from all parts of Florida. We have them by the dozen, and the hasty perusal we have given them has confirmed us in our opinion that Florida authors are not surpassed by those of any clime or country. They have lacked but the opportunity for expression that this offer of ours has given them.

We announced this contest December 2, and set the time for January 1, 1906. Since then we have been convinced that the time was too short, by numerous requests for more time to prepare stories and poems that have come from authors wishing to enter the contest.

Then, Christmas time, and the necessity to prepare for its celebration came on, to prevent aspiring authors from completing their labors.

Again—press of other matter prevented us from printing the announcement in the last two numbers, and the contest did not have publicity sufficient to give every one a chance to compete.

For these reasons we have concluded to extend the time of closing for both the prize poem and the prize story contests to January 10, 1906, and publish the corrected announcements:

Our desire is to make THE SUN a great State paper. We want the people of Florida to feel that, however much they might admire any of the great weeklies printed in other cities, they have in Florida a journal of which they are a part.

We want stories written by Floridians to print in this paper, which is read by Floridians.

We want good stories. We will not print the other kind. The best is good enough for Florida people.

In order to get the good stories we are willing to pay for them, so, we make

AN OFFER TO FLORIDA WRITERS.

We will pay \$20 for the best story, with scene laid in Florida, sent us by January 10, 1906. The story must be written by a resident of Florida, and must not be less than 2,000 words nor more than 3,000. We reserve the right to print all the stories submitted that do not win the prize at regular rate of \$2 per thousand words, paid on publication.

We will select three competent judges to read the stories and award the prize. Mail copy to THE SUN, Prize Story Contest, Jacksonville, Fla.

POEMS WORTH READING.

We are quite sure that Florida holds within its borders many persons, male and female, who have the souls of poets and lack but the opportunity to ignite poetical fires within their breasts.

We would like to have these fires illumine the pages of THE SUN, and in order that this much-desired illumination may begin we offer a

PRIZE OF \$10.00 IN GOLD

for the best original poem sent us by January 10, 1906.

We will pay for all poems we print at our regular space rates, and will print the prize winner in the issue next following the day of award.

None but residents of Florida are eligible to enter this contest.

January 10, at 12 noon, these two contests will positively close. THERE WILL BE NO MORE EXTENSIONS.

On the day of closing the manuscripts submitted will be sent to the committee of award for decision. This committee will be composed of the following gentlemen, who have kindly consented to act: Rev. T. H. Blenus, Rev. J. B. Ley, Rev. J. Lawton Moon.

Each manuscript will be numbered and the same number will be placed on a slip of paper containing the name of the author. The name slips will be kept in THE SUN office, so that the committee will not know the name of the author of any story or poem submitted.

The award will be made by number and name of the prize winners will be announced in our issue of January 20, and checks for the prize money will be mailed to the winners the same day.

In the first issue of L'Engle's Sun Governor Broward voices a sentiment that will find a responsive echo among all honorable members of a profession whose standard of honor is of the highest. Unfortunately, as in every other profession, there are those who disgrace the calling of journalism by peddling their editorial columns to the highest bidder. Referring to this class the Governor says:

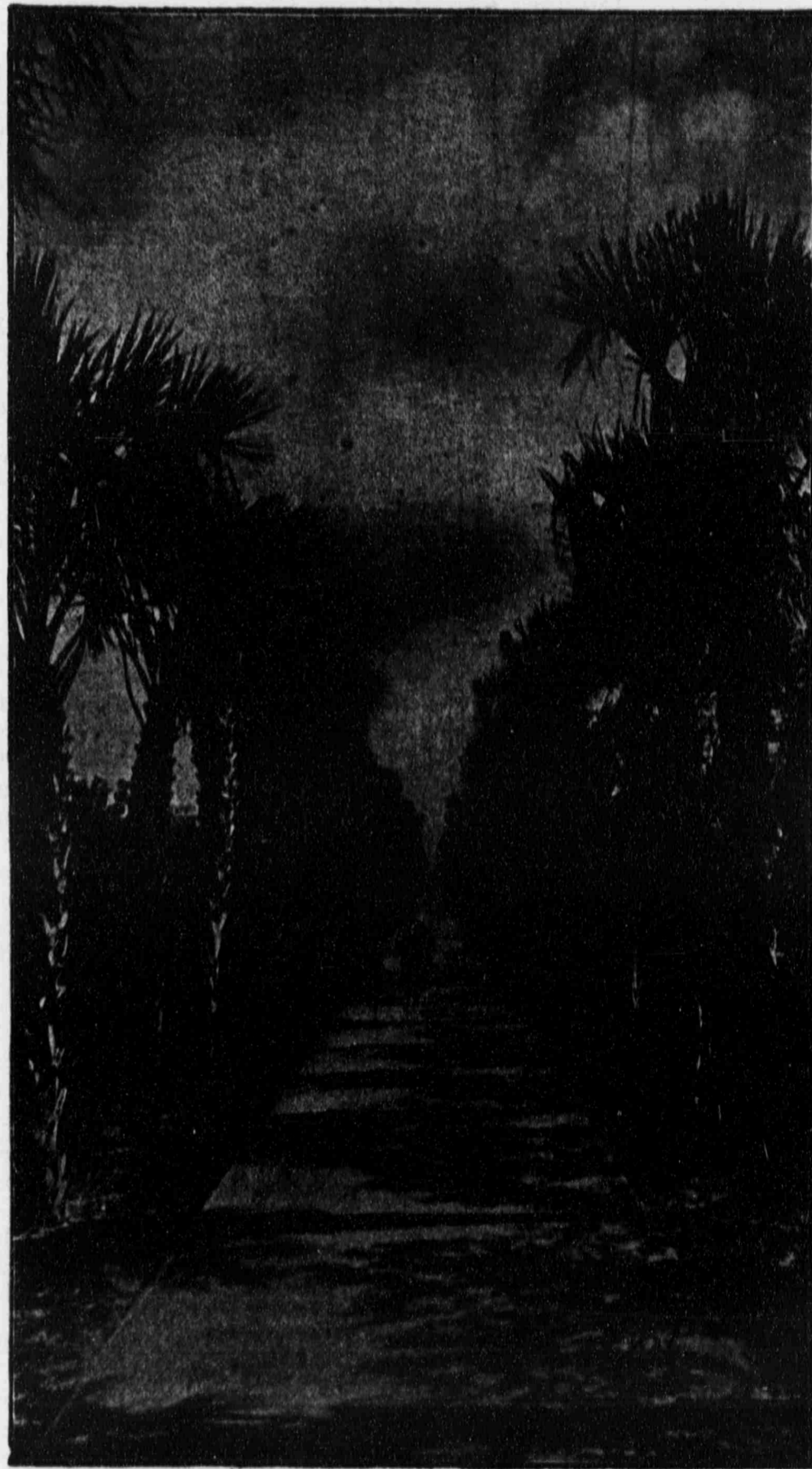
"To be the editor of a newspaper is to occupy a position that is supposed, or ought to be, a high and lofty one, and the editor ought to give expression to a high public sentiment upon a higher plane, if the plane is not already high. We are afflicted with a sprinkling of

editors who sell editorials for so much an inch, sentiment thrown in. Some of our people are not aware of this, and take for granted that the writings of some wise man—wiser than themselves. Did the people know that these newspaper writers did not investigate the matter of which they write at all, they would not be so credulous."

As a matter of fact, such scribblers as are described by Governor Broward—and Florida is said to be not wholly free from them—command no respect in their person or influence in their papers. An intelligent public quickly detects the trail of the serpent and rewards those Judas Iscariots of the press with the contumely they so richly deserve.—Lake-land News.

The Mecca of the Tourist

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Palm Walk from Lake Worth to the Ocean.

the indications are that the business of this season will far exceed that of any previous seasons, and that the Hotel Royal Poinciana will open earlier than usual, the date for the opening being Thursday, January 11, 1906.

Mr. Sterry has surrounded himself with competent help, prominent among these being:

Fred C. King, chief clerk, who has been at Palm Beach ten consecutive winters, and who this season begins his eleventh year of popularity and success at Palm Beach, Mr. King being one of the best known and well liked clerks known to the wealthy traveler. He has been in Florida for several weeks. L. W. Maxson and T. M. Lennchen have also been in the State for some time.

Mr. Maxson is auditor at the Royal Poinciana and Mr. Lennchen is book-keeper. Both young men have a thorough hotel experience, and have been with Mr. Sterry for several consecutive seasons. They have won the favor of hotel patrons by their talent and ability.

At the Hotel Breakers, Leland Sterry will look after the comfort of patrons and exert a supervising influence, he being thoroughly familiar, from the experience of several consecutive seasons,

with the needs and requirements of the patrons of the big seaside hotel.

Frank Simpson of New York City has started as room clerk, his first season at Palm Beach.

George Hopkins returns as cashier for his seventh season, an always welcome announcement to his many friends.

W. C. Skinner will act as front clerk, C. V. Cook as mail clerk and F. Pierce as night clerk.

Popular Frank McGuirk has been retained as steward, and will be assisted by Charles Hodges. Miss Sadie Balwin will be head housekeeper, and Jules Chartier is the new chef, he being a Frenchman of great renown as an expert de cuisine.

Frank C. McDonald continues in the important position of private secretary to Manager Fred W. Sterry, and he will this season not only supervise the publication of his bright and exceedingly popular Daily Program, but will enlarge the same and extend its scope.

Along all lines the patrons who will visit Palm Beach this season will be cared for in the best style, and will have attractions and pleasures provided for their enjoyment to surpass all preceding records.

Some Thinks by the Brethren

OUR BOARD OF TRADE.

The city of Tampa—her citizens—should be proud that we have such a patriotic organization as the Board of Trade. Pride should permeate the soul of every citizen.

A Board of Trade may accomplish much for a city. But it will not do much unless it has a membership of men who are public-spirited.

The Tribune takes pleasure in attesting its appreciation of the work that has been accomplished during the past year by the Tampa Board of Trade, under the able, vigorous, yet conservative direction of its president, Mr. W. R. Fuller.

Every member of the Board of Trade has been faithful in unbuilding the best city in the South.—Tampa Tribune.

THE BUCKMAN BILL IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

The Supreme Court of the State of Florida, without a dissenting opinion, has declared the Buckman bill to be constitutional and this much mooted question is now settled, and we hope will never again be subjected to any disturbing influences.

If Florida provides a public school in every country district, a high school at every county seat, a university for boys and a university for girls at convenient

localities, she will have done her duty toward the youth of the State, and this is what she is now doing.

Florida, in the last twenty years, has not made much progress along the line of higher education, but now having her feet planted on solid ground, we hope her two universities will grow into proportions that will become the pride of Floridians and will ever be pointed to with love and veneration.—Ocala Banner.

We had the misfortune recently to be drawn into controversy with one of those wormy individuals who "don't believe" in anything or anybody. He doesn't believe in the public school system, he doesn't believe in churches, he doesn't believe in advertising, and we doubt not that if he was told that he was a worm-eaten fool he would say that he didn't believe in worms. We refused to afflict ourselves with his company long enough to find out whether there was anything that he did believe in or not.—Plant City Courier.

De Funiak is growing, but not so rapidly as it ought or so rapidly as it would if there was more action in that direction. We want factories—large ones if we can get them, but at least small ones. To get them we must go after them.—Breeze.